drugs and medicines and not cash. For the present, it is proposed to start the system with four Panchayats. I have already spoken to you of the directions in which the Veterinary Department will be serving the country including the villages. With a self-contained scheme for relief and development in all directions, it is hoped that villages will become self-sufficient although not isolated.

Other Services.

58. Under this category prominent mention should be made of the Census operations. The decennial census is proposed to be conducted early in 1941 and *inter alia* enquiries bearing on cottage industries, fragmentation of agricultural holdings, tobacco consumption etc. will be conducted. The existing revenue staff will, as far as possible, be utilised for the work. An amount of Rs 75,000 has been budgeted for the next year.

Provision is made for minting Chitra coins to the extent of Rs 4 lakhs.

59. *Control of Prices.* In an earlier part of the speech, I stated that the prices which exhibited a tendency to rise as a result of the war was brought under control.

Food control was one of the measures taken by Government for control of prices as well as keeping the supply in the country adequate to meet all needs, ordinary as well as extraordinary. A supply of 1·8 lakhs of sacks of rice was imported from Burma and was issued to merchants at an amount less than the market price; and the issue price was also regulated so that rice may be available to the poor at ordinary rates. The accounts of the operations have not been finally settled but the entire supply with the exception of about a few thousand sacks has been sold out. Provision is made for the final adjustment being carried out in the next year's budget.

Loans to Agriculturists.

60. Besides the legislation intended for relieving agricultural indebtedness, another direction in which the lot of the agriculturists is proposed to be bettered is by following a more rational and well controlled policy in the matter of giving them loans. Government have felt that the work done by the old Land Mortgage Bank has not gone far into the root of the matter. They have accordingly instituted the Credit Bank with powers to grant loans in really deserving cases on liberal terms, retaining with them the requisite power for supervision and general control. With a view to the Bank

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